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soldiers abroad are being
called home as fast as they can
be spared.

I'm glad you people are so
happy. I used to be afraid
we'd all wait so late to be
married that we'd be so "sot
in our ways" it would be hard
to accommodate our wishes
and wills to those of a partner.
but I guess we were courting
so long it's got to be a habit.
with us all. It is very dear
to have our own home and our
own plans and we enjoy it
more every week.

I'm sorry I can't afford to

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Dear Lewis and Maude.

Your letters to us and
a late one to Mother have
been received since I wrote
to you and as it is so
near to Christmas time I'll
send you an account of
this branch of the family
to close up this happy year
It seems a very short time
since last Christmas and
yet it has been an event
ful one for us. You know

we spent the last one at home with Mother and had a good time but we expect to enjoy the coming one much more. It is real Christmas weather. There has been fine sleighing for more than six weeks and no signs of a thaw, though the sun shone two hours this fore noon. Everything goes on runners. This is a very cloudy gloomy climate if the past year is any sample. I long for sunny Kansas occassionally.

You are doing well in your profession and I'm glad for you. We have no cause to complain, for while we can't see so much money on the horizon, we have plenty and are contented to do with what we have. Alvin's work is very pleasant and we think the training here is as good as the best. His predecessor has just accepted a $1400. position in an association in this state and there are plenty of positions open if he wishes to make a change. We shall complete a year here, at least. There seems to be little liklihood of an opening in the foreign field at present as the

St. Francis hospital to be
operated upon for cancer.
Doctors and nurses fare badly
in this section. $1 per visit for
an M.D's service. One said to
a patient "Well if you don't send
me word I'll drop in to-morrow"
and ~~the~~ patient groaned, "A dollar
a drop!" Nurses who have grad-
uated from a three years course
work for $15 per week. I'd go west
and grow up with the country.
Living, especially groceries and
board are very high. The Kansas
City stores offer better goods for the
same money, by far than the eastern
I don't just understand it.
Love to you both from us both.
Mattie.

send you an automobile or
a grand piano for a Christmas
present and know nothing
less would be appreciated.
If you just had a baby so
I could send a pair of mittens
or a fiction book. At any rate
we both send a mountain of
love and good will and hope
to see you sometime in the
future. If you come east
to study medicine as you
wrote about once you must
make plans to visit relatives
all along the route.
Alice Benedict is in Fla.

at present. She went down there to nurse a dear friend through a confinement. She didn't say who it was.

Alvin and his S.S. boys went this morning to get Christmas boughs for decorating the church. I went down town, but it is a long way and hard walking as it snows most of the time.

How did you come out on the political race?

I'll send Mother's last letter. She wrote me she had knit herself some feet to put on when she got up to build the fire and I wrote back I thought it must be fine to leave her own in the warm bed while she used the knit ones to walk around in the cold. I think now I understand how it goes, but from the picture she sends those knit feet toe in dreadfully.

Mr. Chandler's mother is in the